

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cleaning apparatus comprising:
 - a supporting device for supporting an object to be cleaned;
 - a cleaning cup surrounding said supporting device to prevent splashing of a cleaning liquid; and
 - a cleaning device for cleaning an inner wall of said cleaning cup with a cleaning liquid.
2. A cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a cleaning vessel surrounding said cleaning cup;
 - wherein said cleaning device cleans both the inner wall of said cleaning cup and an inner wall of said cleaning vessel.
3. A cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning device cleans also said supporting device.
4. A cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning apparatus has a plurality of cleaning devices, and each cleaning device cleans said cleaning cup, cleaning vessel and supporting device, respectively.
5. A cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein cleaning for said object to be cleaned is continued for a predetermined period of time even after completion of cleaning of said cleaning cup, cleaning vessel and supporting device by said cleaning device.
6. A cleaning method comprising the steps of:
 - performing chemical liquid cleaning of an object to be cleaned in a cleaning cup;

cleaning an inner wall of said cleaning cup,
following said chemical liquid cleaning step; and
rinsing said object to be cleaned.

7. A cleaning method according to claim 6, wherein a supporting device for supporting said object to be cleaned is also cleaned during said rinsing step.

8. A cleaning method according to claim 6, wherein the cleaning of said object to be cleaned is continued for a predetermined period of time even after completion of cleaning of said cleaning cup and said supporting device.

9. A cleaning method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of drying said object to be cleaned in said cleaning cup after said rinsing step.

10. A cleaning method according to claim 6, wherein said object is cleaned by a first cleaning liquid and a second cleaning liquid.

11. A cleaning method according to claim 10, wherein said first cleaning liquid is an alkaline chemical liquid and said second cleaning liquid is an acidic chemical liquid.

12. A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a supporting device for supporting an object to be cleaned;

a cup surrounding said supporting device; and

a nozzle for cleaning said cup.

13. A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a supporting device for supporting an object to be cleaned;

a vessel surrounding said supporting device; and

a nozzle for cleaning said vessel.

14. A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a supporting device for supporting an object to be cleaned; and

a nozzle for cleaning said supporting device.